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TITLE: Implementing a Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Program in a urban School Setting-Miami-Dade County Public Schools

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ISSUE: Developing an effective HIV prevention Education Program in a multicultural urban school district.

SETTING: Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). Miami, Florida.

PROJECT: Miami is currently ranked third in the nation in HIV/AIDS cases, currently there is no cure for HIV and no vaccine to prevent transmission. Understanding these hard facts, providing accurate information as well as prevention education continues to be the most important tool to empower our students, parents, and community in the fight against HIV/AIDS. This presentation will highlight our program and explain how our goals are achieved through:

- Curriculum implementation
- Administrative staff development
- Instructional staff development
- Non-instructional staff development
- Speakers' Bureau
- Community Collaboration
- Peer Education
- PTA/Parent workshops
- Materials Review Committee
- Special Projects
- Evaluations

RESULTS: Since the HIV/AIDS Education Program inception in 1987 has successful use multiple modes of prevention messages to help reduce the number of HIV risk behaviors. The HIV/AIDS Education programs also uses its annual program evaluations, Youth Risk Behavior Survey and School Health Education Profile to help determine program needs on a yearly basis.

LESSONS LEARNED: Miami-Dade County Public Schools experiences with using various curricula, collaborating with community agency, and many staff development workshops, has helped to foster an effective prevention message in Miami-Dade County Public Schools'. It is believed that curriculum selected for students should reflect the "youth culture".

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